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DEATH OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

The End Came Monday Morning

Surprise Occasioned by the Announcement Coming After the Apparent Improvement of Sunday.

New York, Nov. 21.—Garret A. Hobart, Vice President of the United States, died at his home in Paterson, N. J., at 8:30 o'clock this morning. At his bedside were Mrs. Hobart and his son, Garret A. Hobart, Jr., together with Dr. William K. Newton and his wife and Private Secretary Evans.

Mr. Hobart's death has been expected for some hours. The beginning of the end came yesterday afternoon, when there was a sudden failure of the heart and from this attack Mr. Hobart never rallied. He had been sick for a long time, and had suffered frequently from heart failure, and his strength had been undermined. Gradually the failure of the heart action became more apparent and soon after midnight last night Mr. Hobart became unconscious. He remained in that condition until death came. Mr. Hobart's death was due directly to angina pectoris complicating myocarditis.

The Law of Succession.

The law applicable to the Vice-Presidency was enacted January 19, 1886, by the Forty-ninth Congress, first session. The main features are as follows:

"Be it enacted, etc., that in case of the removal, death, resignation or inability of both President and Vice-President of the United States, the Secretary of State, or * * * Attorney General, or * * * Postmaster General, or * * * Secretary of the Navy, or * * * Secretary of the Interior shall act as President until the disability of the President or Vice-President is removed, or a President shall be elected."

The law further provides that when one of the cabinet officers succeeds to the Presidency, he shall call a special session of Congress. A proviso limits the succession to those who would be eligible to the Presidency under the terms of the constitution, and who have been appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The effect of the law is not to provide a succession of the Vice-Presidency but merely to insure a succession to the Presidency. By the death of Mr. Hobart, Senator William P. Fry, of Maine, becomes President pro tempore of the Senate and will discharge all the duties of the Vice President as presiding officer of that body. The Senate rules especially provide that no election is necessary at the beginning of a session. Senator Fry will, accordingly, continue as presiding officer till the end of President McKinley's administration, until he chooses to resign, or the Senate wishes to elect another.

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HOUSE GOES TO DEWEY'S SON

The Transfer Made Yesterday by Mrs. Dewey.

Washington, Nov. 21.—George Goodwin Dewey, Admiral Dewey's only son, is now the owner of the residence presented to the admiral by the American people. Papers were prepared and signed early today by which Mrs. Mildred McLean Dewey transfers all rights and titles to the property known as 1747 Rhode Island avenue, this city, to George Goodwin Dewey. This is the property which yesterday Admiral Dewey transferred to Mrs. Dewey.

The papers making the new transfer probably will be placed on file tomorrow morning.

In explanation of the transaction practically completed today, a relative of the Dewey family made the following statement to the Associated Press:

"Admiral and Mrs. Dewey have transferred to the former's son, George Goodwin Dewey, the title of the home presented to the admiral by the people of this country. It will continue to be the home of the Admiral and Mrs. Dewey so long as he may live.

"It may be desirable now to say that it was the wish of both the Admiral and Mrs. Dewey to provide for a proper succession of the property. The transfer of today completes the transaction begun yesterday, and is the carrying out only of the original intention of both the Admiral and Mrs. Dewey. By all those interested in the matter, the method of transfer employed by Admiral Dewey was considered the best and safest that could have been adopted. It is to be considered, naturally, that the transfer was to be the act of Mrs. Dewey as well as the Admiral. It was her desire that she should release any claim she might have to the property through her marriage to the Admiral and to do this the transfer was made through her to the Admiral's son so soon as was practical. Through the method adopted, no dispute ever can arise over the disposition of the property.

Another Beef Scandal.

It seems that our British cousins are having trouble over the beef furnished their soldiers, just as we had during the Spanish war. A London paper prints a letter from a correspondent on board the transport St. Vincent, which was bearing sixteen hundred soldiers to South Africa. Here is an extract:

"Today every soldier of the 1600 on board complained to the officers of their companies that their dinners of salted beef were putrid.

"Colonel Paget, with the doctors and quartermasters, inspected the messes and condemned the foul carrion as being unfit for human food. Sixteen men are allowed twelve pounds. The meat is supposed to be put up in twelve pound tins. Many of these on being weighed were found to be nine pounds short.

"Fancy sixteen hungry men sharing three pounds of meat, including infernal great bristled bones. Whole rations were thrown overboard."

We are not told where this meat came from or who is responsible for furnishing such vile stuff to the soldiers. No doubt the British government will institute a rigid investigation and discover the guilty parties. If any American packer furnished the meat, it is safe to assume that he will sell no more meat to the British government.—Lynchburg News.

Revival Postponed.

The revival which was to have commenced next Monday evening has been postponed until Dec. 4 on account of sickness in Rev. Mr. Hale's family. Dr. Hale is one of the most highly educated ministers of the Baptist denomination, and the attendance upon this meeting will be entered by his presence.

Why Election Frauds Flourish.

The investigation made by the Press shows that Mr. Salter is not the only unauthorized person who has received ballots from the Commissioners contrary to law. The requirements of the statute have been ignored by the Commissioners. They have been accustomed to hand out the ballots to the judge of election when he came for them, but it was all the same if some politician from the division personally known to the commissioner applied instead. In the absence of either of these any policeman was eligible for the office of conveying the ballots to election booths where they were to be used.

This loose and illicit practice invited the very frauds revealed in Mr. Salter's division of the Seventh Ward. Ballots can be obtained not only for voting but for stuffing purposes. They can be placed in the hands of hangers from Washington, Baltimore or elsewhere, who as curbstone appointed election officers can stuff the ballot boxes, change the votes against a corresponding number of names on the padded assessor's list of voters, make their returns, get their pay and clear out of town at once with perfect safety unless a detective happens to have been on the tracts from the beginning. If in the fiscal counting any irregularity is discovered in the returns from these wards the Judges will in vain cite the election officers to appear before them. They are not to be found.

These revelations support the charge that there are at times as high as 80,000 fraudulent voters east and counted in Philadelphia. There is no reason why there should not be with the present lack of adequate safeguards around the ballot box. So easy is it to commit fraud upon the ballot that we wonder at the moderation that presumably keeps that fraud somewhere within 80,000 voters. There is no self-respecting minority party to insist on an honest vote and protect the ballot box. The hefters of both parties stand together. That is the present condition. Our elections are bound continually to be a farce until the decent members of both parties unite to demand and secure a radical reform.

The machine lives and thrives on fraud. To beat the machine we must first beat the fraud. Honest elections must be the rallying cry of all good citizens. The ballot we have is not to be blamed with the frauds perpetrated by means of it. It is the election machinery that is at fault. Pennsylvania needs, as New York needed and secured, the protection of personal registration. The distribution of the ballots needs to be placed under more careful supervision, and watchers interested in seeing a fair vote and an honest count should be installed in force in every election booth and protected by the police in the discharge of their duties. The loose methods that have prevailed heretofore with the absence of the need of personal registration have invited the very frauds at the revelation of which good citizens now stand aghast. A few scoundrels may be sent to jail because of their disclosures, but the frauds will be repeated until the people demand and secure a radical reform in our election machinery.—Atlanta Constitution.

A Candidate.

J. W. Bausell, editor of the Lebanon News, is a candidate for the Sergeant-at-Arms before the next Legislature. We hope that Bro. Bausell will "get there," first, because he will make a good officer, second, because he is from our neck of the woods. The Southwest has had very little recognition in the distribution of the offices in the past. We think the Legislature should elect this true, hard-working, deserving Democrat.

Piano for Sale.

Parties wishing to buy a good piano, cheap, will do well to call on or write to Prof. Philip Johnson, Tazewell, Va. Also a set of fine parlor furniture.

PAPERS SIGNED

The Columbia Paper Company Has Received Its Deed.

The deal for the tract of land on which the Columbia Paper Company will locate the proposed pulp mill was consummated yesterday in the office of the secretary of the board of roads, Col. J. B. Peters.

The papers were all signed, and the paper company received from Reynolds & Barker a deed to the twenty acres of land on which the pulp plant will be erected.

Attorney R. W. Wilbourne and Samuel Burner represented the company in the consummation of the deal, and drew a check in favor of Reynolds & Barker in payment for the property.

Mr. Bruner will return to Bristol one week from Monday, next and will then proceed with the work.

The magnitude of the concern is now well known to the citizens of Bristol, and the fact that it has been secured beyond a doubt is a signal for rejoicing on the part of all who have the growth and prosperity of the city at heart.—Bristol Tribune.

Thanksgiving Entertainment.

The Westminster League and Christian Endeavor Society will give a joint entertainment at the Presbyterian church, November 30th, at 7 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Needed Improvement.

The street leading from Dr. Crockett's residence is being widened and opened up. This street should be worked on and improved as it is now much traveled by ladies, and becomes very muddy in wet weather. A side walk and a little new fencing would add greatly to comfort as well as appearance.

Business at Five Oaks.

Mr. B. B. Greever informed us last Tuesday that the Philadelphia Company, which is mining ore on his farm, have put up tipples and are now getting out a large amount of what they call soapstone, and shipping it north. Mr. Chas. Greever has the contract for mining.

The "Fever" still on.

Quite a number of our friends called to see us on Tuesday and Wednesday, who said they were not feeling very well. Among them were several of the Buchanans, one of the Thompsons, T. P. Rutherford, who had a bad case, paying his own subscription and sending the paper to his boy in North Carolina. A double dose was necessary to cure him. Thos. Fox, of Poor Valley, who was afraid of a recurrence of the fever, paid up and ordered his paper stopped for the present. J. M. C. Carron, Esq., J. W. Smith, of Graham, B. B. Greever, of Five Oaks, Jas. Cregar, Thompson's Valley, and others, whose names have slipped us at this moment. When these good people left our office their temperatures were considerably reduced.

A BIG DEAL.

Property of the Dunn Coal Land Company Sold.

A big deal in coal land has just been closed in this city. Three thousand five hundred acres near Coeburn, Wise county, have been sold by the Dunn Coal Land Company to Geo. L. Carter and the amount paid for the property was \$125,000. The Dunn Company consists of the following gentlemen:

Captain F. T. Lee, Camillus Christian, Adams Bros., Jones, Watts & Co., Mrs. John W. Carroll, Clinton Dewitt, Green Nowlin, T. D. Christian, General Holmes Smith, George Moore, R. L. Carroll, W. M. Carroll, C. I. Johnson, Jas. Clark, of Baltimore, and Captain Dick Wooling.

The tract of land in question is said to be right in the heart of the coal region and is said to be of the very richest description. Extensive coal minds are now being operated in that vicinity.

It is strange how rapidly our army chaplains age just as soon as they are ordered to the Philippines.

HAPPENINGS IN THE COUNTY

What the People are Talking About.

EAST BLUESTONE.

Hog killing and corn hushing is the go now. Mr. J. B. Shanon leads West Bluestone so far as we have heard. He killed one hog that weighed 373 pounds, has cribbed his corn and got his winter wood hauled.

Misses Harriet and Mary Flumer, of West Bluestone, were up last week visiting friends.

We are sorry to say that our friend W. W. McClannahan lost his possums. They naved a whole in the box and left. Billie will pay a liberal reward for their capture.

Miss Maggie Dudley, of Falls Mills is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. K. Brown this week.

Messrs. John and James Carter went down east with a drove of horses and mules this week.

Luther Carter is in the turkey business this fall. He wants a car load by the first of December.

Mr. Edward Wallace, of Springville, has caught 15 raccoons this fall and says it has not been a good fall for hunting either.

A fine girl baby at J. D. Tickles arrived last week. Mother and child are doing well.

Messrs. J. W. Shannon, Hoge Wagner and Misses Ella Sae and Sue Wagner, went to Liberty Hill last Saturday to visit Rev. W. N. Wagner.

Miss Bessie Nash, of Abba Valley formerly of Bluestone, died last Thursday of whooping cough and pneumonia. Her body was sent to Tip Top for burial Friday. She was a daughter of Winston and Margaret Nash, who have the sympathy of their Bluestone friends.

Mr. Ben Faulkner, of Mercer county, West Virginia, died at the home of his uncle, G. T. Faulkner, at Springville a few days ago with dysentery. He was a son of the late Gordon Faulkner. His body was sent to his home in West Virginia for burial. Mr. Faulkner was a nice young man. He gained many friends at Springville.

W. W. McClannahan lost a fine steer calf last week with black leg. J. B. Shanon and son has lost four with dry murrin.

Mrs. J. T. Nash, who we mentioned in our last locale as being very sick, died at her home the 14th inst. Mrs. Nash was in her 70th year. The burial service was conducted by Rev. Smith, of Graham. The remains were laid to rest in the Shanon grave yard on the 16th at 4 p. m. The interment was witnessed by a large crowd of friends and relatives. The husband and intimate connection have the sympathy of our community.

RATTLEHEAD.

Pocahontas.

W. B. Hess was up from Keystone Sunday.

Mrs. D. M. Jenkins and Miss Walton, of Ashland, W. Va. were shopping here Tuesday.

I. L. Choa was up from Bluefield Sunday.

F. L. Fredlock was up from Bramwell Monday.

Miss Mary Dogon, of Bluefield, was visiting the Browning girls this week.

W. E. Black is attending court at Tazewell this week.

The Georgia Minstrels, which played here Saturday night, had a tremendous large audience, and special trains from Bluefield and Bramwell. Every body was well pleased—the Minstrels will come to see us again.

Mr. Louis Silverman, of Balto., is guest of Mr. J. A. Miller, this week.

Geo. Mays made a pleasure trip to Bluefield Thursday.

J. S. Browning made a business trip to Bluefield Thursday.

Mr. A. L. Hill visited Elk Horn Friday.

Wood Landon and H. Millner visited Bramwell Friday.

Jno. Crockett, of Tazewell, was here Sunday.

Logan M. Bullitt, president of the S. W. Va. Improvement Co., of Philadelphia, spent several days with us this week.

Mrs. S. Matz left Sunday for New York city to attend the wedding of her brother. She was accompanied by Mr. S. Matz, of Bluefield.

Sol Hyman was up from Bluefield Sunday.

Abe Klim, of Baltimore, is a guest of H. Millner this week.

W. Winberger and H. Millner attended county court at Tazewell this week.

J. A. Shirey, of Bluefield was in our town Monday.

J. Baach visited Keystone Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Douglass, of Bluefield, visited Miss Minnie Ivens Tuesday.

M. Kwass, who arrived from Newport News Tuesday, will spend several days among friends.

Miss Walton and Mrs. C. Kelley, of Bluefield, were the guests of Mrs. H. Reynolds Sunday.

G. W. Tompkins visited Bluefield Monday.

J. M. Newton is spending several days at Coeburn this week.

F. P. Snidow visited his home Sunday at Pembroke.

Elmer Tompkins of Roanoke is visiting his brother this week.

Al. Baldwin was up from Bluefield Monday.

E. S. Pedigo was up from Bluefield Monday.

Ed. Minter visited Bramwell Monday.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. work is approaching the close of its second year.

In the midst of many difficulties we have made wonderful progress in this, the first miners' association. As a result of the work here an association has been organized at Corbin Hill, Illinois, for miners, the Company making a subscription of \$500.00 toward furnishing rooms and \$50.00 per month appropriated toward the support of the work. The work is in progress of organizing at two other points.

Our membership is growing rapidly. We organized our educational classes Monday night for the winter. 27 scholars enrolled. We have taken up the ordinary branches of English, book keeping and business correspondence. Great interest is manifest among the young men in educational classes, which is a healthy sign. We have employed professor Breneman to conduct these night classes three nights in the week.

We are in the midst of a general revival effort, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. The services began Sunday with a special sermon by Rev. C. R. Brown on "The Mistakes of Youth," in the Methodist church. At 4 p. m. by Rev. J. W. Smith, D. D., of Graham, on "Sin" in the Presbyterian church. At 7:30 p. m. by Rev. C. J. Jones, on "The Bible" in the Baptist church. Rev. D. V. York, of Welch, takes charge of the services Monday and will continue with us throughout the meeting. Services at the Y. M. C. A. rooms every evening at 3:30; at the Methodist church at 7:30; the Christian people of all denominations are awakening to the revival spirit and there is a general desire manifest for a sweeping revival in our midst.

We have a number of young men engaged in Bible study and christian work. The Lord is truly blessing our efforts and we believe there is great things in store for the Young Men's Christian Association at Pocahontas.

W. S. LYONS, Sec'y.

BENBOW.

Mrs. Jennie Pierce and children spent several days with Mr. A. B. Buchanan last week. The Doctor also came over and spent Sunday. The Doctor and wife have a great many friends in the valley.

Rev. Mr. Ruff filled Mr. Mowbey's appointment at this place last Sunday. He preached a very fine sermon which was highly appreciated by all who heard it.

Mr. William Graham and wife were visiting Mr. W. T. Buchanan Saturday and Sunday.

The first quarterly meeting of this work will convene at the white church next Saturday and Sunday.

YOUNG PURSUING FILIPINO CHIEF

Vigorous Efforts to Capture Aguinaldo.

Although the American Troops are Close Behind the Fugitive, they Fear He Will Escape by Water.

Manila, Nov. 22.—General Young reports that Aguinaldo, with a party of 200, including some women and a few carts, passed Aringay on the coast between San Fabian and San Fernando, in the province of Union, on Friday, Nov. 17. The general adds that Aguinaldo probably intended to strike inland through the Binaua mountains toward Bayombong, in the province of Nueva Viscaya.

General Young with cavalry and McAbebes is pursuing the Filipino leader, part of the American force taking the direction of San Fernando. In a fight with Aguinaldo's rear guard at Aringay, one McAbebe was wounded and the insurgents retreated. Their loss is unknown.

NO FEUD IN LEE COUNTY.

And Evan Bledsoe Was Not Killed by Young Tate.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 21.—Investigation of the report that in Lee county young Tate had shot and killed Evan Bledsoe, the slayer of his father, in pursuance of a vow to avenge the death of his father, who was killed by Bledsoe a few days ago, shows that the report was a mistake. Bledsoe, who was discharged by the examining magistrate was seen today.

There is no foundation for the report that the killing of Granville Fee by H. S. Jennings was connected with the Bledsoe matter. There is no feud growing out of the shooting of Tate and no further trouble is feared in the county.

Most of the points in Lee county are remote from telegraphic communication and hence the rumors that have gotten out.

E. J. Siggers, Patent attorney, Washington, D. C., reports the following patents granted to inventors in the Southern States, (except Texas) November 14, 1899. He will mail copy of specifications and drawings of any patent for 10 cents in stamps.

W. W. Albrose, Sheffield, Ala., Collapsible crate; G. C. Avery, Louisville, Ky., Cultivator and handle therefor; J. Berman, Balto., Md., Hatch safe; E. P. H. Carryway, Portsmouth, Va., and A. S. Hudson, Chapel Hill, Texas, Ball caster; A. H. Cobb, Ashville N. C., Hook and eye fastening; J. W. Connolly, Poplar Cove, Ky., Implement for applying stay wires to wire fences; R. T. Durham, Richmond, Va., Coin lock garment hold-roaster; E. O. Ewing, Wheeling, W. Va., Car-roof; A. R. Grotz, Lazezerville, W. Va., Mold for pressed glassware and potteryware; G. W. Haddox, Winchester, Ky., Switch operating mechanism; J. T. Holland, Stanton Depot, Tenn., and A. M. Jackson, Milledgeville Ga., Cooling attachment for dental impression trays; E. Judy, Sob, W. Va., Spike puller; L. Kintz, Cumberland, Md., Brake; J. Klemenz, Louisville, Ky., Lace curtain stretcher; P. H. A. Leder, Balto., Md., Hacking; H. A. McEachern, Valdosta, Ga., Barrel closure; O. Mergenthaler, Balto., Md., Automatic milling machine (4 patents); Machine for straightening metal stock, Punching press, Universal milling machine, Stamping press; C. Muelken, Balto., Md., Apparatus for locally hardening metal; H. E. Parkinson, spartanburg S. C., Automatic coupling air brake hose coupling; S. C. Potts, Apple Valley, Ga., Cotton picker's spring spine supporter; W. H. Sawyer, Americas, Ga., Fence post attachment; G. E. Smith, Buford, Ga., Railroad switch; P. F. White, Westernport, Md., Spoke for wheels; M. C. Young, Fredrick, Md., Corn husking machine; T. J. Zoeller, Nashville, Tenn., Permutation lock, (2 patents.)